# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

RONALD BAGLEY,	Case No.
Plaintiff, v. CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A., Defendant.	PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES JURY TRIAL REQUESTED (Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)

### **COMPLAINT**

RONALD BAGLEY ("Plaintiff"), by his attorneys, alleges the following against CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. ("Defendant"):

1. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of himself individually seeking damages and any other available legal or equitable remedies resulting from the illegal actions of Defendant, in negligently, knowingly, and/or willfully contacting Plaintiff on Plaintiff's cellular telephone in violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (hereinafter "TCPA"), 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.

# **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- Defendant conducts business in the state of Georgia, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(2).
- 3. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3). See, *Mims v. Arrow Financial Services*, *LLC*, 132 S.Ct. 740 (2012), holding that federal and state courts have concurrent jurisdiction over private suits arising under the TCPA.
- 4. Venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1391(b) because Plaintiff resides within this District and a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the herein claims occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated within this District.

### **PARTIES**

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in the county of Rockdale, in the city of Conyers, Georgia and is otherwise *sui juris*.
- 6. Defendant is a corporation doing business in the State of Georgia, and is a Virginia corporation with its principal place of business located in McLean, Virginia.
- 7. At all times relevant to this Complaint, Defendant has acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heir, successors, assigns,

principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives and insurers.

# **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 8. Defendant is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(10).
- 9. Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and attempting to collect on alleged debts owed by Plaintiff.
- 10.Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at phone number (770) 815-68XX.
- 11.Defendant placed collection calls to Plaintiff from phone numbers including, but not limited to, (800) 955-6600.
- 12.Per its prior business practices, Defendant's calls were placed with an automated telephone dialing system ("auto-dialer").
- 13.Defendant used an "automatic telephone dialing system", as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(a)(1) to place its telephone calls to Plaintiff seeking to collect a consumer debt allegedly owed by Plaintiff, RONALD BAGLEY.
- 14.Defendant's calls constituted calls that were not for emergency purposes as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A).
- 15.Defendant's calls were placed to a telephone number assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs a charge for incoming calls pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

16.Defendant never received Plaintiff's "prior express consent" to rece	ive calls
using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or pres	ecorded
voice on his cellular telephone pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)	•

- 17.On March 14, 2017, at or around 2:44 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Plaintiff called into Defendant's company at phone number (800) 955-6600. Plaintiff spoke with Defendant's representatives "Alisa" and "Marcus," and requested that Defendant cease calling Plaintiff's cellular phone.
- 18. During the conversation, Plaintiff gave his date of birth and social security number to assist "Alisa" in accessing his account before asking "Alisa" to stop calling his cell phone. "Alisa" then transferred Plaintiff's call to "Marcus."
- 19.Plaintiff gave his date of birth and social security number, again, to "Marcus" before repeating the request that Defendant stop calling his cell phone.
- 20.Plaintiff repeatedly revoked any consent, explicit, implied, or otherwise, to call his cellular telephone and/or to receive Defendant's calls using an automatic telephone dialing system in his conversation with Defendant's representative on March 14, 2017.
- 21.Despite Plaintiff's requests to cease, Defendant continued to place collection calls to Plaintiff through April 24, 2017.

22. Despite Plaintiff's repeated request that Defendant cease placing automated collection calls, Defendant placed at least Forty-Two (42) automated calls to Plaintiff's cell phone.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION NEGLIGENT VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 47 U.S.C. § 227

- 23. Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-22.
- 24. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple negligent violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.
- 25.As a result of Defendant's negligent violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq., Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §227(b)(3)(B).
- 26.Plaintiff is also entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION KNOWING AND/OR WILLFUL VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT 47 U.S.C. § 227 et. seq.

27.Plaintiff repeats and incorporates by reference into this cause of action the allegations set forth above at Paragraphs 1-22.

- 28. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violations of the TCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above cited provisions of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq.
- 29.As a result of Defendant's knowing and/or willful violations of 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq., Plaintiff is entitled an award of \$1,500.00 in statutory damages, for each and every violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).
- 30.Plaintiff is also entitled to seek injunctive relief prohibiting such conduct in the future.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, RONALD BAGLEY, respectfully requests judgment be entered against Defendant, CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A. for the following:

#### FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

- 31.For statutory damages of \$500.00 multiplied by the number of TCPA violations alleged herein, \$21,000.00;
- 32. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial;

### **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

33.For statutory damages \$1,500.00 multiplied by the number of TCPA violations alleged herein, \$63,000.00;

34. Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial; ON ALL CAUSES OF ACTION 35.Actual damages and compensatory damages according to proof at time of trial; 36. Costs and reasonable attorneys' fees; 37. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate. JURY TRIAL DEMAND Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable. 

1	LOCAL RULE 5.1 CERTIFICATION	
2	Pursuant to Local rule 7.1D, counsel hereby certifies that the foregoing pleading	
4	was prepared in Times New Roman, 14-point font in compliance with Local Rule 5.1C.	
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7	DATED: August 2, 2017	
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